



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: November 2, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII:** Consideration of resolution authorizing a change in parking fee policy at Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park, and approving an impacted neighborhood parking fee reduction program for MRCA parks.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a change in parking fee policy.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) currently charges a parking use fee at all park locations. The MRCA adopted the current parking fee program in 2004 following funding reductions. Staff is requesting approval of an impacted neighborhood parking fee reduction program. This program would reduce the per day parking fee to \$1.00 per car at Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has adopted a similar program at Wilacre Park and the Victory Trailhead at the Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve, for the purpose of reducing the impact of park users on local residential streets. This reduced fee would maintain the uniform public policy as to the charging of parking fees at all MRCA trailhead locations.

This reduced fee should increase parking lot usage due to the reduced fee and an interpretive program explaining the need for the parking fee program.